

In the Specification

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please insert the following on page 1, after the title:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/GB03/003205, filed July 25, 2003, which is an international application of and claims priority to United Kingdom Application No. GB 0217273.2, filed July 25, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of Invention

Please insert the following on page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 7:

2. Discussion of Related Art

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6 with the following amended paragraphs:

In some applications optical fibres may only be intended for single use and should be disposed of thereafter for health and safety reasons. EP 0473987 discloses a method and apparatus for optoelectrical recognition of disposable medical applicators connected to a laser.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Please insert the following on page 8, before the paragraph beginning on line 6:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please insert the following on page 14, after the paragraph ending on line 28:

What is claimed is: